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Several petitions praying for the improvement of the trace were submitted to Government and to the Public Works department but nothing had been done. He added that the work of improving the trace might be left to the inhabitants of the locality and he requested that at least the culverts on the trace might be built at Government cost.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

104. Construction of roads

Mr. J. Carson Parker (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) requested that the following roads might be constructed:—

(1) The present path from Pathanapuram to Avaneeswaram should be converted into a cart road.

(2) The Punalur-Koni and Ranni road should be cut through to Kanjirapalli. The Member said that, if the proposed road were cut, it would not merely be a Planters' road but the road would serve the whole country around. The Mundakayam and the surrounding districts would then be brought into communication with the railway.

Dewan's reply.—As I have already said, the first road is under investigation. The request for the other road is noted.

THIRUVALLA TALUK.**105. Provision of roads and bridges.**

Mr. V. S. Krishna Pillai (Member, Thiruvalla Taluk) requested that the following public works might be ordered to be carried out:—

(1) conversion of the road from Thiruvalla to Mavelikara into a cart road;

(2) opening of a village road from Kaviyur to Kallupara;

(3) restoration of the village lanes in the taluk; and

(4) provision of bridges at the ferries on the Thiruvalla-Mavelikara road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

AMBALAPUZHA TALUK.**106. Canals, roads and bridges.**

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ambalapuzha Taluk) said that the following public works were necessary for the benefit of the taluk:—

(1) The canal from Porakad to Alleppey should be improved. He pointed out that there were two canals from Porakad to Alleppey and that the one whose improvement was asked for was the ~~one~~ which passed through

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survey Nos. 236, 237, 205 and 209 and not that which lay through Karumady.

(2) The canal from Alleppey to Changanachery should be completed. The Member said that the lands had already been acquired and he requested that the work might soon be put in hand. The extension would be necessary only for 10 miles.

(3) The bridge on the eastern side of the Ambalapuzha temple should be reconstructed. If the work could not be sanctioned, the Member prayed that the ferryman at the locality might be placed under the orders of the local Tahsildar, as then the ferry would work properly.

(4) A road from Thakazhi to Chathankari should be constructed, thus connecting Ambalapuzha and Thiruvalla.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions of the Member are noted.

PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.

AGASTISWARAM TALUK.

107. Throwing open the Thekkumala reserve for cultivation.

Mr. V. Thanu Iyer (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) requested that the Thekkumala reserve on which cattle were permitted to graze only in certain months of the year might be thrown open throughout the year.

Dewan's reply.—The Acting Conservator is on his way to visit the reserve. I would advise the Member to see him at the place and explain matters to him.

108. Conversion of the Nanjinad kottah into paras and edangalies.

Mr. V. Thanu Iyer (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) requested that the decision of Government fixing 8 paras and $6\frac{1}{2}$ edangalies as the equivalent of a kottah in Nanjinad pressed hard on the already heavily-taxed ryots. He said that there was no justification for deviating from the standard fixed in the standing orders of Government published by Mr. Krishna Rao. According to this measure, a kottah, if measured with "vasaramundan" paddy, would be found to be equal to only 7 paras and $1\frac{1}{2}$ edangalies and that equivalent should have been fixed as the standard. He therefore prayed that the decision might be modified as above, as otherwise it was tantamount to raising the tax in kind before its conversion into cash. The Member also submitted a memorial on the subject for the consideration of Government.

Dewan's reply.—I shall look into the papers and see if the ryots have any real grievance.